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Rep. Shuler Statement on the Passage of the Iraq Supplemental Funding

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler released the following statement on regarding the passage of the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Funding amendments.

“For five years a Republican Congress gave the President everything he asked for without demanding the one thing he needed: accountability. Today the House of Representatives made it clear that those days are over.”

“The Emergency Supplemental which passed the House ensures that needed funding will reach our troops in harm’s way. That funding will provide our troops with much needed equipment, body armor, and address critical shortfalls in military health care programs.”

“This supplemental also imposes strict benchmarks and reporting requirements on the President and the Iraqi government, ending the days of Congress handing the President a blank check for this war. These are provisions that the President has stubbornly refused to accept for years. In September, with these required reports, we will have the opportunity to decide the future course of the war in Iraq.”

“This bill is not perfect, but I am pleased that we have finally forced this President to accept the need for benchmarks and accountability in the conduct of this war.”

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